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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: | Kenneth M. Buckland  |
| Serial No.:           | 09/657,068   |
| Filing Date:          | September 7, 2000  |
| Group Art Unit:       | 2475   |
| Confirmation No.:     | 1585   |
| Examiner:             | Robert W. Wilson   |
| Title:                | METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROCESSING<br>TRAFFIC IN AN ACCESS NETWORK |

Honorable Commissioner  
for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Final Office Action dated February 7, 2012, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider the rejection of the claims in view of the following Amendments thereto, and the comments as set forth below. Please amend the Application as follows.